

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2-11 and 13-26 are pending in this application, with Claim 3, 7, 10, 14, 18, and 21 being independent.

Claims 1 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17, 23, 25 and 26 have been amended. Applicant submits that support for the amendments can be found in the specification. Therefore, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 7-11, 18-22 and 24 are allowed.

Claims 3 and 14 were indicated as allowable and have been rewritten in independent form. The remaining dependent claims depend from Claim 3 or 14. Therefore, all claims should now be allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

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